



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06556.0003-04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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John POLK	)	Group Art Unit: 3629
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Application No.: 09/975,241	)	Examiner: John Weiss
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Filed: October 12, 2001	)	Confirmation No. 2371
	)	
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS	)	
FOR CHILD SUPPORT	)	
PAYMENT PROCESSING AND	)	
CHILD SUPPORT	)	
DISBURSEMENT PROCESSING	)	
BY A PROCESSING ENTITY	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper responds to the Final Office Action dated November 3, 2004. With this paper, Applicant also submits a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and required fee, thereby extending the response period to May 3, 2005. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Remarks follow on page 2 of this paper.

Attached to this Reply is a signed Supplemental Declaration of John Polk Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 and accompanying exhibits 1-2.